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SUBJ: WESTERN MEETING ON MAPUTO CONFERENCE

REF: USUN 1395

1. AUSTRALIA, NORWAY, CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, JAPAN, UK,
NEW ZELAND, AND US MET AT STAFF LEVEL AT AUSTRALIAN MISSION
ON MAY 6 TO DISCUSS MAPUTO CONFERENCE.

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2. NORWEGIAN MISOFF, WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE DRAFTING
GROUP (AND PROVIDED USUN WITH TEXT DATAFAXED TO THE DEPT
ON APRIL 27), EMPHASIZED THE PRELIMINARY NATURE AND "NON-
STATUS" OF THE EXISTING TEXT. SHE SAID THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
(MADE UP OF REPS FROM THE COMMITTEE OF 24 AND THE
COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA) NOW EXPECTS 80 OR 90 COUNTRIES TO ATTEND,

AND THE COMMITTEE HOPES THAT EACH COUNTRY WILL LIMIT ITS PLENARY STATEMENT TO ABOUT 10 MINUTES. THE PLENARY WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE WEEK CONCURRENTLY WITH THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. THERE WILL BE NO RECORDS KEPT OF THE MEETINGS, AND THE ONLY DOCUMENT EXPECTED TO COME OUT OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE A REPORT CONTAINING THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAM OF ACTION, AND, PRESUMABLY, RESERVATIONS AND DISASSOCIATIONS. SHE SAID THE WESTERN GROUP IS ENTITLED TO TWO CONFERENCE OFFICERS: THE VICE-PRESIDENT OR RAPPOREUR OF THE PLENARY AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OR RAPPOREUR OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

3. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, GROUP AGREED TO CONSULT WITH OTHER WEO'S WHO WERE GOING TO MAPUTO BUT NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING, AND TO SUGGEST THAT WESTERN CANDIDATES SHOULD BE NORWAY (VRAALSEN) FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND AUSTRALIA FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PLENARY.

4. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF TEXT AND TACTICS FOLLOWED, WITH AUSTRALIA, CANADA, AND NORWAY STRONGLY FAVORING HEAVY WESTERN INVOLVEMENT IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TEXT AND UK, SUPPORTED BY US AND FRANCE, ARGUING AGAINST DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS. ONLY NORWAY AND AUSTRALIA SAID THEY WOULD PROBABLY JOIN A CONSENSUS AT THE END OF THE CONFERENCE. AUSTRALIA ADDED THAT THEIR INSTRUCTIONS SPECIFIED THAT THEY WILL SUPPORT THE UK-US INITIATIVE ON RHODESIA AND THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL TRY TO GET FAVORABLE MENTION OF THE INITIATIVES ADDED TO THE TEXT.

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5. MISOFFS AGREED THAT IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR ANY DELEGATION TO SET SPECIFIC GUIDELINES ON TEXTUAL NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THEY ARRIVE IN MAPUTO AND SURVEY THE ATMOSPHERE. THEY WILL MEET EARLY IN THE WEEK OF THE CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS TACTICS.
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